

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In view of the amendments to the claims above and the remarks and arguments below, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1 and 2 are amended so that they no longer recite non-elected subject matter following election by Applicant of the invention for continued prosecution. The amendments are made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter eliminated thereby. No new matter is introduced by the amendments.

Claim 1 is further amended to correct a typographical error (“substituted”). No new matter is introduced by the amendment.

Claim 2 is further amended to clarify that the definition of the variable G3 is the same as that recited in claim 1, the parent claim from which claim 2 depends. No new matter is introduced by the amendments.

Claims 4-11 are amended to recite method claims instead of product claims. Support for the amendments to claims 4-7, 10, and 11 can be found in the Specification as originally filed, for example, on page 60, lines 4-20. Support for the amendments to claims 8 and 9 can be found in the Specification as originally filed, for example, on page 57, lines 3-18. No new matter is introduced by the amendments.

Claims 1-11 are currently pending and at issue.

II. Acknowledgment of Election of Group VI

Applicant appreciatively thanks Examiner Jarrell for acknowledging Applicant's election of Group VI for continued prosecution.

III. Claim Objections

Claims 1-11 were objected to because the claims contained non-elected subject matter. Applicant has amended claims 1 and 2 so that claims 1-11 no longer recite non-elected subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objections to claims 1-11 on this basis be withdrawn.

IV. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2

Claims 2-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2, as indefinite. Specifically, the Examiner stated that the meaning of the phrase “G3 as defined above” recited in claim 2 was unclear. Claims 3-11 depend from claim 2.

Applicant has amended claim 2 to clarify that the definition of G3 is the same as that recited in claim 1, from which claim 2 depends. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 2-11 are no longer indefinite, and respectfully requests that the rejections of claims 2-11 on this basis be withdrawn.

V. Double Patenting Objections under 37 C.F.R. 1.75

Claims 4-11 were objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.75 as substantial duplicates of claim 3. Applicant has amended claims 4-11 so that they now recite method claims, while claim 3 is a product claim. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 4-11 are no longer substantial duplicates of claim 3, and respectfully requests that the objections to claims 4-11 on this basis be withdrawn.

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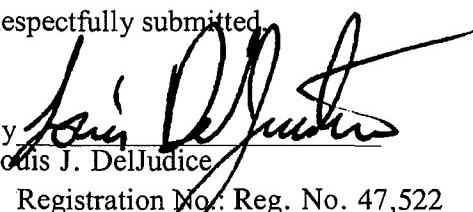
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that claims 1-11 are in immediate condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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